

# Konso language

**Konso** (Komso, Khonso, also *Af Kareti*, *Afa Karatti*, *Conso*, *Gato*, *Karate*, *Kareti*) is a Lowland East Cushitic language spoken in southwest Ethiopia. Native speakers of **Konso** number about 200,000 (SIL 2005). Konso is closely related to *Dirasha* (also known as *Gidole*), and serves as a "trade language"—or *lingua franca*—beyond the area of the *Konso* people. Blench (2006) considers purported dialects *Gato* and *Turo* to be separate languages.<sup>[3]</sup>

The Grammar of Konso was first described by Hellenthal (2004), and later, in more detail, by Ongaye (2013). The New Testament was published in the Konso language in 2002.

## See also

- Konso*

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Konso	
Native to	Ethiopia
Region	South of Lake Chamo in the bend of the Sagan River
Native speakers	240,000 (2007) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cushitic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lowland East<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oromoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Konsoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Konso</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Writing system	Ethiopic script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kxc
Glottolog	kons1243 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kons1243">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kons1243</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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